

**Reservation for OBCs in admissions**

4082. SHRI R. SHUNMU GASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation for Other Backward Classes candidates in admissions to the courses are followed in the institutions offering higher educations and the institutions of excellence such as Indian Institute of Technology etc.;

(b) if so, the names of such institutions; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) No final view has been taken in the matter of reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in admissions in educational institutions under the Central Government.

**Incentive Grant to SSC Board**

4083. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra had in a meeting of Education Minister held on August 10, 2004, suggested that on the basis of the number of students passing the National Talent Search Examination, conducted by NCERT and incentive grant should be given to SSC Board to improve their quality;

(b) if so, the extent of grant sought and the manner of its utilization; and

(c) Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) A proposal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra for grant to the State SSC Board for the students qualifying National Talent Search Examination. The proposal is not covered under any of the scheme of the Department of Secondary and Higher Education for providing grants.